

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
SOUTH SUBURBAN REGION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 9th, 2014

New Hope Center

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The regular scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, South Suburban Region was called to order by Carol Genutis, Chairperson at 9:20 a.m.

PRESENT: Carol Genutis, Maria Heer, Marva Allison, Dina Raya and Ronald Robinson.

Members Absent: John Mireck and Lauren Pell.

STAFF: Geraldine Boatman

GUESTS: Joseph Monahan, Attorney for Pillars Services
Carrie Parks, Pillars Services

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson read the confidentiality statement. Introductions were done. It was determined that a quorum was present and that all business could be conducted.

II. COMMUNICATION

It was moved by Dina Raya to accept the September 11th, 2014 Meeting Minutes without any changes. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried.

III. NEW COMPLAINTS

15-040-9002 (Dorchester Senior Center) It was moved by Dina Raya to accept the complaint stating that a resident was inappropriately discharged from her supportive living program pending a signed release of information.. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried.

15-040-9003 (MetroSouth Medical Center) It was moved by Dina Raya to accept the complaint stating that an elderly recipient was given psychotropic medication without her informed consent and in the absence of an emergency pending a signed release of information. Motion was seconded by Marva Allison and carried.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Chairperson motioned to move the meeting into closed session at 9:45 a.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship Advocacy Commission to discuss the Pillar Services case #14-040-9014 with the providers' representatives, case assignments, progress reports, reports of

findings and responses. It was moved by Maria Heer to go into closed session. Marva Allison seconded and carried.

New Case Assignments

15-040-9002 (Dorchester Senior Center) Carol Genuitis and Dina Raya were assigned to the investigation.

15-040-9003 (MetroSouth Medical Center) Carol Genuitis and Dina Raya were assigned to the investigation.

Progress Reports

14-040-9006 (St. Coletta of Illinois) (Carol Genuitis)

14-040-9007 (Riviera Care Center) (Lauren)

14-040-9008 (Riviera Care Center) (Lauren)

14-040-9009 (Timberline Knowles Residential Treatment Center)

14-040-9011 (Elisabeth Ludeman Developmental Center) (Carol)

14-040-9014 (Pillars Services) (Lauren & John)

Reports/Responses

13-040-9012 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) A response was reviewed. The members were informed that the agency's Executive Director will present the HRA's recommendation to its Human Rights Committee and will provide a corrective action plan. The members agreed to keep the case opened upon returning to open session.

14-040-9001 (Lexington of Orland Park) A response was not reviewed. The report of findings did not contain any violations and the provider is still within the 30-day time frame to provide a response to the report. The members agreed to keep the case opened upon returning to open session.

14-040-9005 (Chicago Ridge Nursing Home) (Lauren) A report was reviewed.

Open session reconvened at 11:00 a.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of closed session included six progress reports, one response, one report, one possible subpoena, and two possible case closures. The motion was properly moved and carried.

V. Unfinished Business

Accept Reports/Responses/Case Closures/Make Report Available to the Public

13-040-9012 (Southwest Disabilities Services & Supports) The provider does not fully agree with the HRA but is willing to accept the recommendation in the report. It was moved by Maria Heer to keep the case opened for the agency's corrective action plan to the report findings. Marva Allison seconded and carried.

14-040-9001 (Lexington of Orland Park) It was moved by Maria Heer to keep the case opened because the provider is still within the 30-day time frame to provide a response to the report that does not contain any violations. Marva Allison seconded and carried.

14-040-9005 (Chicago Ridge Nursing Home) (Lauren) It was moved by Maria Heer accept the report without any changes. Marva Allison seconded and carried

14-040-9009 (Timberline Knowles Residential Treatment) The facility's attorney is not willing to provide follow up documentation concerning the provider's investigation into the incident. The HRA's attorney disagrees with the provider's attorney that the information above is not part of discovery. The members present voted to request a subpoena for the follow up information.

OTHER UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13th, 2014.

Refreshments for 2014 meetings: November/Marva.

The need to schedule site visits was discussed.

The South Suburban Human Rights Authority is looking for citizen members.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. It was moved by Dina Raya to adjourn the meeting. Marva Allison seconded and carried.

Maria Heer, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maria Heer".

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